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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

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6 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center *LRB*

FROM :
Acting National Intelligence Officer for
Conventional Forces

SUBJECT : Brzezinski on Soviet Concealment and Deception

REFERENCES : (A) Brzezinski Memo to DCI, dated 3 February 1979

(B) IIM, "A Survey of Warsaw Pact Concealment, Deception,
and Intelligence Denial Activity," dated December 1978

1. Action Requested. That you forward the attached reply to Dr. Brzezinski.
2. Background. The IIM which Dr. Brzezinski found so useful was produced under my auspices by an interagency working group. The original purpose of the study was to determine the effect of Pact concealment and deception (C&D) on intelligence collection and analysis, but a number of factors combined to thwart that objective. A great deal of useful work had been completed however, and I agreed to sponsor publication of a survey as a means of sensitizing the Intelligence Community to the scope and magnitude of Pact C&D activity.
3. Until recently the working group functioned under my auspices. With the creation of an NIO for Warning, sponsorship of the working group has been transferred to NIO/W and made a subcommittee of the Warning Committee. Recommendations are separately on their way to you concerning a stronger Community structure on C&D that will incorporate the working group. In addition, NIO/W and the Warning Working Group are now formulating a research and production program in response to NIT II.1 (attached).
4. Staff Position. NIO/W and I consider that the issue of Soviet-Warsaw Pact C&D activity, especially as it relates to the judgments on warning contained in NIE 4-1-78, is of great importance to the US policymaker and fully justifies the attention of the Intelligence Community. It is also a NIT.

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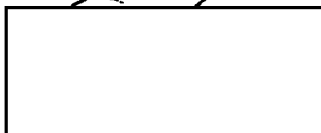
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5. Brzezinski's interest in the subject and in the results of assessments of the impact of Pact C&D on US intelligence is well taken. He should be apprised of the limits of the survey, the status of our planning for further research, and our commitment to keep him abreast of additional assessments. NIO/W has reviewed and commented on this memorandum and concurs in the recommendation. [REDACTED]

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6. Recommendation. That you sign the attached memorandum to Dr. Brzezinski. [REDACTED]

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Attachments

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9 MAR 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Concealment, Deception and Intelligence
Denial Activity []

REFERENCE : Your Memo, dated 3 February 1979, []

I am heartened by your interest in our recent Interagency Intelligence Memorandum (IIM) on concealment and deception (C&D), and I share your belief in the importance of further work in this area. []

The IIM in question was meant only to survey the extent of Pact C&D measures as a means of increasing the awareness of both consumers and producers of intelligence of the nature of Pact activities in this area, and to convey a sense of the pervasive character of this aspect of Pact military doctrine. It was envisioned as an initial step in defining the magnitude of the problem. Further study of the potential impact of C&D activity on intelligence warning capabilities vis-a-vis the USSR is now being programmed under the auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for Warning. Clearly, this work will incorporate some of the recommendations from the survey to which you refer. []

I will, of course, keep you informed of the results of future studies and of any significant assessments in this field as our program unfolds. []

Signed
STANSFIELD TURNER

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